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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
ART UNIT 3663**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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SIR:

In response to a September 18, 2006 Final Office Action in the above-identified application, please amend, without prejudice, the above-captioned application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.